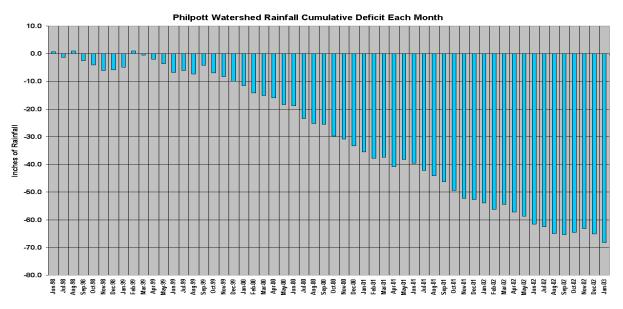
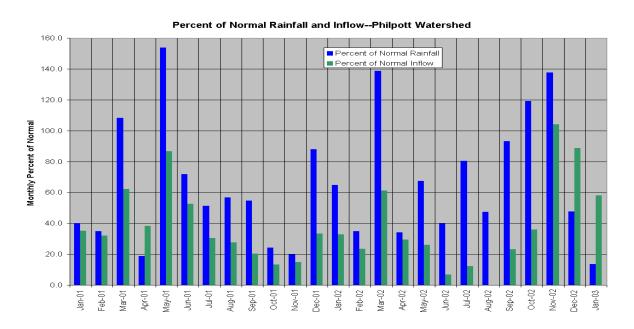
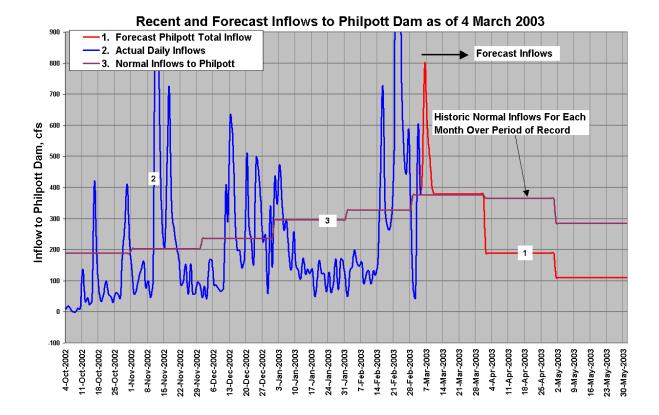
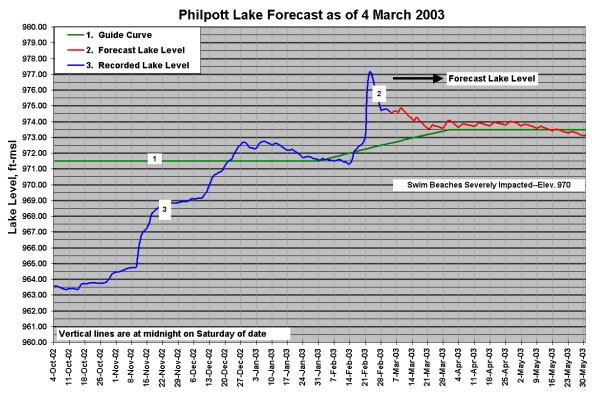
Philpott Project Drought Update—4 March 2003

1. Status of Inflows into Philpott Dam and the Philpott Lake level. As of this report, Philpott Lake is at 974.8 feet, msl or about two feet above guide curve. Extra releases will be made from Philpott Dam until the lake level approaches the rising guide curve. Please note that the projected lake level may be changed without notice as inflows and releases change in response to basin needs. Due to being above guide curve, normal release patterns will resume from Philpott Dam but will be closely monitored. If a resumption of drought conditions appear, then reduced releases will be considered.









2. Recreation Status of Philpott Lake. Table Two below shows the bottom of boat ramp elevations at Philpott Lake. The lake elevation should be at least three feet higher than the bottom of ramp elevation for the ramp to be useable. As can be derived from the table, boat-ramp access to the lake becomes increasingly limited below pool elevation 960 feet, msl. As of the end of August, there were three boat ramps closed. The public may call 276-629-2703 for current information on recreational areas. Boaters should use increased caution during these

periods of low lake elevations. Always keep a sharp lookout for obstacles. Failure to keep a proper lookout is a major cause of accidents. Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) can save your life!

Table Two
Public Boat Ramps at Philpott Lake

Location	Number Of Lanes	Bottom Ramp Elevation (feet, m.s.l.)	
Philpott Park	Ramp #1	953	Open
	Ramp #2		closed
Bowens Creek	2	953	closed
Goose Point	1	953	closed
Horseshoe Point	2	953	closed
Twinridge Marina	2	954	Open
Ryans Branch	2	955	Open
Salthouse Branch	2	957	closed
	1	967	closed
Runnett Bag	1	960	Open
Jamison Mill	1	962	closed